

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 17, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 108, 1/9/2007; SB 127, 1/9/2007;
SB 68, 1/9/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:01:42 Vice Chair Tropila

HEARING ON SB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:22 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 108**, Revise work comp laws-ind. contractors-med. fees-impaired insurers-etc.

EXHIBIT (bus11a01)

Proponents:

00:06:03 Jerry Keck, Administrator, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DOL)

00:16:11 George Wood, Executive Director, Montana Self-Insurers Association

00:16:50 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)

00:17:23 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

00:17:46 Jacquelyn Lenmark, American Insurers Association

00:19:54 Riley Johnson, Montana Newspaper Association

00:20:18 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO

00:21:23 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority (MMIA)

00:22:24 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:23:36 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190, and Montana Injured Workers Resource Council

Opponents:

00:29:19 Dick Brown, Senior Vice President, An Association of Montana Health Care Providers (MHA)

00:33:37 Andrea Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:30 Sen. Balyeat to Jerry Keck, DLI
00:42:25 Sen. Squires to Jerry Keck, DLI
00:48:35 Sen. Squires to Sen. Cocchiarella
00:52:47 Sen. Esp to Sen. Cocchiarella
00:58:03 Sen. Esp to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
00:59:40 Sen. Ryan to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
01:00:23 Sen. Ryan to Sen. Cocchiarella
01:01:47 Sen. Squires to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
01:03:02 Sen. Squires to Jerry Keck, DLI
01:08:24 Sen. Jackson to Dick Brown, MHA
01:09:33 Sen. Jackson to Bob Olsen, MHA
01:12:10 Sen. Smith to Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
01:13:13 Sen. Ryan to Dick Brown, MHA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:10 Sen. Cocchiarella
01:18:00 10 minute break

HEARING ON SB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:29:37 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 127**, Revise out-of-state winery access to Montana retailers.

Proponents:

01:32:36 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue, DOR
01:40:36 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Association

[EXHIBIT \(bus11a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus11a03\)](#)

01:55:05 Andy Spoonseller, Winery Owner

01:55:52 Mona Jamison, Out-of-State Wineries

EXHIBIT (bus11a04)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:03:25 Sen. Balyeat to Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Association

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:23 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:20 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 68**, Clarify confidentiality terms in private equity investments using public funds.

Proponents:

02:10:25 Carroll South, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments

EXHIBIT (bus11a05)

Opponents:

02:22:00 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:57 Sen. Brown to Sen. Wanzenried

02:29:39 Sen. Ryan to Carroll South, BOI

02:34:12 Sen. Balyeat to Carroll South, BOI

02:34:42 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Wanzenried
02:40:13 Sen. Jackson to Sen. Wanzenried
02:40:57 Sen. Cocchiarella to Carroll South, BOI
02:42:45 Sen. Balyeat
02:43:17 Sen. Smith to Carroll South, BOI
02:44:37 Sen. Tropila to Carroll South, BOI
02:45:33 Sen. Brown to Carroll South, BOI
02:46:26 Sen. Cocchiarella to Carroll South, BOI

Closing by Sponsor:

02:52:11 Sen. Wanzenried

Discussion:

02:54:04 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:54 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus11aad.pdf](#))